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Laws Affecting Franchise Tax Board: Government Code Sections 7528 & 11364

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SUBJECT: State Government Operations/Accountability/Government Modernization, Efficiency, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2005

Senate Bill 796 (Figueroa), as enacted on October 7, 2005, made the following changes to California law:

Government Code Section 7528 is added.

This legislation enacted the Government Modernization, Efficiency, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2005. This act requires every state agency with an Internet Web site that issues permits or licenses to individuals or businesses or grants access to government programs on the basis of an application to post on a Web site no later than January 1, 2007, a link entitled "Customer Service" that contains the following information:

- A link entitled "Frequently Asked Questions" that answers questions about how to have an application granted and how to appeal from the denial of a permit, license, or application,
- A link for forms, applications, and appeal-related documents that can be downloaded and printed from the Web site, and
- A link with instructions on how individuals may file complaints, including through electronic means, related to issues under the jurisdiction of the agency.

Government Code Section 11364 is added.

This act requires every state agency that has an Internet Web site, by January 1, 2007, to post on the home page of its Web site:

- A link entitled "Decisions Pending And Opportunities For Public Participation" that contains all applicable bulletins and notices and notices of all public meetings and agendas related to regulatory actions of the agency,
- A link entitled "How to Participate" that includes instructions on how the public may submit written comments or otherwise participate in administrative procedures, meetings, and hearings,
- A link entitled "Laws and Regulations Relevant to Current Public Proceedings" that includes the text of all regulations and statutes related to current bulletins and notices,
- A link entitled "Submit Your Comments Here" that provides an opportunity for the public to comment on draft regulations pursuant to this chapter through electronic mail or by the facsimile.

This act requires notices and bulletins required to be posted on the state agency websites related to

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regulatory actions to be posted no later than 10 days before the meeting where the regulatory action is on the agenda. This act requires state agencies, to the extent practicable; to have hearings on proposed regulations televised over the Internet via Web cast or other technology. These provisions of this bill would be in effect until January 1, 2012.

This act is effective January 1, 2006.

This act will not require any reports by the department to the Legislature.